(b) if so, whether his Ministry has agreed that there is an urgent need for content regulation in electronic media;

(c) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(d) whether his Ministry has also considered CAS expansion only after costs are allowed; and

(e) whether his Ministry has also finalized Phase III of FM policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Considering the need of the hour, the Government had constituted a committee for reviewing the Programme and Advertising Codes (Content Code) prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder to provide greater specificity to the provisions of existing codes. The Committee has submitted its report on 5.3.2008. No time frame has been fixed for its implementation.

(d) Cost of the Set Top Box is one of the factors that may be kept in mind while considering the extension of CAS area.

(e) The policy on FM Phase-III has not been finalised.

**Banning of Indian professionals in UK**

1949. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that UK Migration Advisory Committee has proposed banning of fresh recruitment of teachers, social workers and doctors from India;

(b) if so, whether Government has requested UK-MAC to withdraw the decision of banning of Indian professionals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) As per information available, the UK Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) has not proposed banning of fresh recruitment of teachers, social workers and doctors from India.

(b) to (d) Not applicable.

**Revenue received from NRIs**

1950. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue source of Kerala from Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) is more than thrice the amount, Kerala had received from the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details including total amount of revenue source received from NRIs and from NRIs of Gulf countries for last three years, year-wise, district-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, whether there is any scheme to assist NRIs who happens to become victims of accident and who used to return permanently to Kerala due to various reasons;

(d) if so, the details of above relief granted for last three years, year-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (e) State-wise, Country-wise, and Category-wise data about receipt of remittances is not maintained by the RBI.

The remittances from Overseas Indians for the year 2007 was estimated at US$27 billion. These are in the nature of private funds transferred by individuals for various purposes including to meet consumption expenditure of their families back home.

There is no scheme to assist NRI's who happen to become victims of accident and who return permanently to Kerala due to various reasons.

**Money sent by Overseas Indians**

1951. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether substantial amount of money had been sent by Overseas Indians and also many crores of rupees had been received as emigration deposit from them;

(b) if so, the details including total amount of money sent by Overseas Indians for last five years, year-wise, State-wise, country-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, the total amount of money received as emigration deposit and total amount of emigration deposits for last three years, year-wise and category-wise;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to utilize emigration deposit for welfare of Overseas Indians; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) The remittances from Overseas Indians for the last five year are as follows:—

| Year | US $ in millions | Rs. in crores |
|---|---|---|
| 2003-2004 | 14807 | 71642 |
| 2004-2005 | 18885 | 86764 |
| 2005-2006 | 14494 | 66861 |
| 2006-2007 | 24102 | 106860 |
| 2007-2008 | 27195 | 122635 |